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SUBJECT: LAO CHARGE AT WASHINGTON RELIEVED OF DUTY

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1. THROUGH SOURCES WE CONSIDER RELIABLE, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS RELIEVED LAO CHARGE IN WASHINGTON KHAMSOUK CHANTHADARA OF HIS POSITION FOR HIS REFUSAL TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE TO ATTEND CURRENT SEMINAR FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION (REPORTED OTHER CHANNELS). WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER KHAMSOUK HAS YET RECEIVED WORD OF HIS TERMINATION.

2. DR. VITTHAYA SOURINHO, COUNSELOR AND CHARGE OF LAO UN DELEGATION, DID COME BACK FOR SEMINAR AND IS REPORTEDLY CHARGED WITH CONVEYING SEMINAR LESSONS TO OTHER LAO DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS IN NEW YORK. THERE IS NO IMPLICATION, HOWEVER, THAT VITTHAYA WILL REPLACE KHAMSOUK IN WASHINGTON, AND AS YET WE HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER OR WITH WHOM THE LAO WILL CHOOSE TO FILL THE WASHINGTON VACANCY.
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